

ABSTRACT:

COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR BLEACHING A SUBSTRATE

5 The invention relates to a liquid bleaching composition for
catalytically bleaching substrates, especially laundry
fabrics, with atmospheric oxygen or air. A liquid bleaching
composition is provided comprising an organic substance
which forms a complex with a transition metal, the complex
10 catalysing bleaching of a substrate by atmospheric oxygen,
and a liquid carrier or solvent, wherein the composition is
substantially devoid of peroxygen bleach or a peroxy-based
or -generating bleach system. Also provided is a method of
bleaching a substrate comprising applying the liquid
15 bleaching composition to the substrate. Also provided is a
method of treating a textile by contacting the textile with
the liquid bleaching composition, whereby the complex
catalyses bleaching of the textile by atmospheric oxygen
after the treatment.

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